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EXAMINING GROUP 2143**

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

Peter H. VAN DER VEEN

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Application No.: 09/383,115

Examiner: Joseph E. Avellino

Filed: August 25, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 59119-00004

For: SYMMETRIC MULTI-PROCESSOR SYSTEM AND METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 11, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003, having been duly extended from May 12, 2003, until July 12, 2003, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in the OG Notice at 1267 OG 106, published on February 25, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.

Remarks are submitted on page 9.

Pls send to Art Unit